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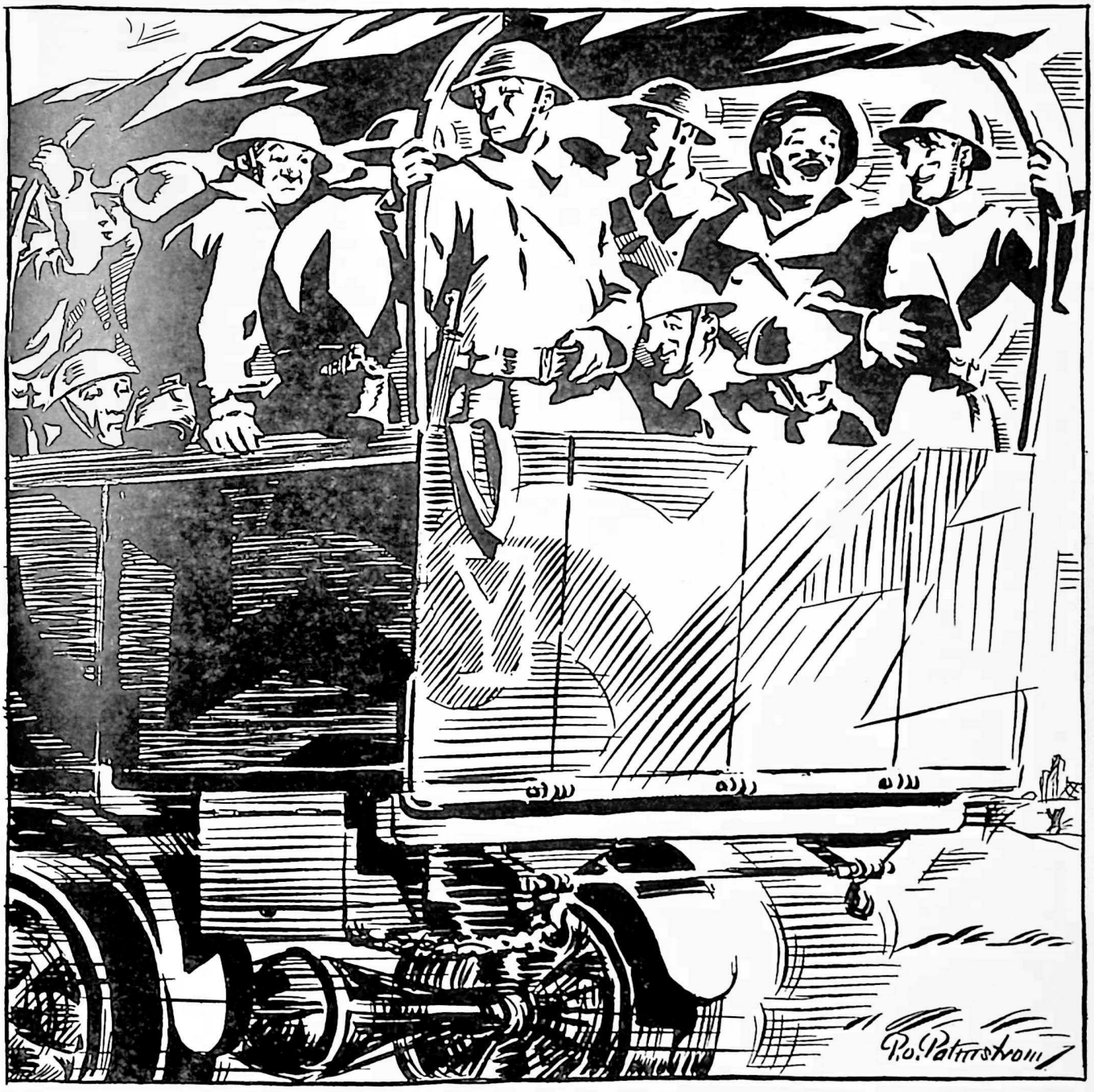

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

If there is one principle in veteran affairs upon which public opinion to-day is practically unanimous, it is that the man who suffered a handicap of any kind or degree because of his wartime military service should be recompensed in a degree commensurate with the handicap—in so far as that is possible—by the nation in whose service it was incurred. Of course, strictly speaking, such a standard for gauging the amount of recompense cannot be arrived at. There is no telling just what the financial and social position of a severely war-handicapped man would have been to-day if there had been no war or if he had not been in it. Too much depends on the man himself. Also, no amount of money can repay certain kinds of suffering. Nevertheless, is it not fair to assume that these men deserve to receive as a minimum the reasonable, common comforts they *might* have procured for themselves? There is no other fair rule to go by, and it would be hard to find anyone to disagree. That the country will ever forget or change its mind in regard to *this* group there is little to fear.

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Unfortunately, however, many world-war veterans to-day are disabled to a greater or lesser degree, and are either unable to prove their handicap due to service or frankly state that it is not. Only in the event that it is of permanent and total degree do these men receive a single cent from the government, and even then only a very small amount. How shall they be cared for? *Here* we find no unanimity of opinion. The only point concerning *this* group upon which all agree is that *someone, somewhere, should* and probably *must* care for them. But who? You will get a hundred answers. Let us contrast the two most common opposing views.

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(a) "This man, because of injury or disease, of post-war origin, is unable to earn a living. The same injury or disease would very likely have overtaken him regardless of his war service. His service had nothing to do with it. He is in the same position as a non-veteran with the same disability. Therefore his welfare should be dependent on the same agencies as the non-veteran, local charities, municipal relief departments, state aid societies, free hospitals, etc., etc."

(b) The opposing view: "At one time this man was a soldier (or sailor) of the United States. He stood ready to perform whatever duty was required of him. To-day he cannot earn a living. The duty he was ready to perform, the life he was ready to lay down, were not for his city, his town

or his state; but for the nation. In that day the nation was in trouble through no fault of his; yet he stood ready to help. To-day he is in trouble through no fault of the nation or service to it; it is the nation which should repay the debt."

No stand is taken here in favor of the one view or the other. There they are: take your choice. Simply this may however be said. The former situation is the one that exists under the law as it is to-day. It is the law—not for some of the people but for all the people—and as citizens it is our duty to uphold it. Those who feel it is a law which should be changed should encourage changing it, not by evading, but rather by obeying it.

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One thing remains to be said. If all cases were alike, public opinion might in time crystallize upon one view or the other. Unfortunately, all cases are not alike. Let us take two extremes.

(a) A man served one week in a sanitary, well-regulated military camp in the U.S. In 1930, in an accident, he suffered impaired hearing of one ear, making it a little more difficult for him to do his work, and of slightly less value to his employer.

(b) A man served without a scratch to mind or body through five major engagements in an infantry regiment. In 1922 he became the victim of an insidious and permanently disabling disease—say, for example, brain, heart, or lung disease of an incurable nature.

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There are the two extremes. It is easy to see which way public opinion would lean in the first case and in the second. It is easy to say that a distinction should be made as to the amount and degree of military service rendered; as to degree and type of infirmity suffered to-day. It is not so easy to draw such a distinction. Possibly it should be done. Possibly it should not. Possibly these men should be cared for by local agencies. Possibly by the Federal government.

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This is not an argument for or against anything. It is simply a statement of conditions as they exist, and an invitation to thought, bearing in mind that each of us has a double obligation: that of a citizen to his country—that of a veteran to his comrades.

GREAT YD MOBILIZATION ADVANCING TOWARD GOAL

With a spirit reminiscent of Belleau and Epieds, the old YD's son and successor, the Y.D.V.A., is sweeping forward in a major advance. Like Marshal Joffre (it may have been some other bird, but seems like it was Joffre) said, during the First Battle of the Marne, "My left is in retreat, my right is cut off, I am attacking with my centre!" That was about the position the Y.D.V.A. was in six or eight weeks ago, after four years of depression which had made their effect felt on our organization no less than others. The time had come when things looked about as dark, so far as ultimate victory was concerned, as they did for France in the fall of '14. And then we attacked with our centre.

"The 1933 Mobilization of the Yankee Division" is the name of this "major engagement" we have undertaken. And the name means all that it infers. It is not just a "drive" for members, nor just a "campaign" for enough funds to carry on. It is a "mobilization": a mobilizaton not only of the men of the Division, but of the spirit of the Division—a renaissance, a bringing back to life all that the Yankee Division stood for.

What did it and what does it stand for? Why is it so well worth while to revivify it and make it a living, vital force? As we see it, there are many answers. In the first place, there is scarcely a man who served in its ranks who isn't just as proud of that fact to-day as he was while in O.D.; scarcely a man who does not hold that particular episode of his life in a little warmer memory and a little higher reverence than any other period of his existence. Meet them on the highroads—by purest accident—not those whom you have known intimately, but simply those who chance to see your YD car emblem or lapel button. Watch their faces light up and sense the immediate bond of understanding and comradeship that springs into being before even a word has been said. To keep in existence an organization which is founded on such a past is one reason why the effort is worth while.

Must Live in the Present

But there is another. A man who lives in the past is not alive: he is dead. Glorious our past may be and dear the memories of that past, but the Yankee Division has a present and a future. When we fought in its ranks we were younger: we were not perhaps quite so sure what it was that made us spring to arms. At least we would have found it hard to say. We have watched the world wag for over fourteen years since then. We have seen the efforts and the experiments of people everywhere to bring about an improvement—in their minds at last—of the conditions under which men live. We know now that what we were defending were the institutions which made it possible for us to have food to eat and pure water to drink, schools to prepare us to meet the world, hospitals for us when we were sick, protection from violence and recourse to justice and freedom. And we of New England particularly know the hills and vales, the mills and factories, the hearths and firesides which we call home, and which deep in our hearts are a solace and a comfort in a changing world.

The Spirit of the Yankee Division is the spirit of New England, of that New England in which the Pilgrims had the courage and the fortitude to battle nature and savage people and wrest a foothold in the

wilderness; of that New England which stood up on its hind legs and dumped a load of tea into Boston Harbor; of that New England which remembers Lexington and Concord, which girdled the globe in the days of the clipper ship with the hardiest race of mariners which the world has known; the homeland from which many of the empire builders of the nineteenth century came when ribbons of steel spanned a continent and gave birth to the nation's greatness.

In 1919, the Yankee Division was its living symbol; it represented no part or section but was the personification of the very unity which has made these six states an entity and a tradition. It can be that to-day! What a glorious opportunity. Free from "entangling alliances" with any other organization, it is friends with all. In it, more than in any other, we can, while preserving the common memories of the past, yet make them secondary to accomplishments of the present. We can be a civic, social, patriotic influence, standing firm for all that is best in our national life.

The Machinery of the Mobilization

Let us descend from Olympus. Talk is all very well: action is better. What are we DOING to bring all this about? We are trying by every means at our command to impress this picture on the mind of every YD man in New England—and elsewhere as well. We know the spirit is still there, but movements cannot start nor continue without a head, a plan and a follow-through. A modest goal has been set for the present: 2500 new members in New England alone—before November 11. But if Armistice Day finds us short of the objective—the Mobilization goes on. And how are things going? Pretty well for the stage of organization, results should accumulate soon now.

As explained in the last number of YANKEE DOINGS, the system of organization is along military lines. The National President is the provisional Commanding Officer. All New England is divided into eight "sectors", each under the command of a National Vice President. These are the crucial centres of the whole project. For they are not merely aides to National Headquarters, but are the motive force which must be depended upon to supply the initiative and the inspiration to a group of men in every centre of population throughout their sector. Their job is not only to pick these men, but to keep them inspired, at a fever pitch of enthusiasm. And this they are doing as you will read further along. We are not going to give any figures this month, except to say that each week has been showing a mounting total of new members. The mobilization is still in the preliminary stage, for remember this issue goes to press weeks before you receive it. Whether November 11 finds us in possession of the objective or not, there is to be no let-down, every Yank in New England with $1.00 in his jeans must be a member of the Y.D.V.A. A deserter to-day is not much different than a deserter in wartime: and we all know what we thought of those birds. The best way to tell the rest of the story is to give you excerpts from the reports of the Sector Majors.

Maine

"Major" ELTON P. WALKER writes:

"I am up in Aroostook County and on my trip up I called in on WILFRED MICHAUD, and he is going to take charge of Augusta for me.

"JAMES MCMANN will take care of Waterville and way stations, and FRANK LESSARD was out and I could not see him. He is in Skowhegan, Maine, but I think he will pull through though.

"I sent out a circular to SEWELL BROWN, located at the Penobscot Savings Bank in Bangor, to take charge of that section.

"I have got GARFIELD L. JOSLYN of Millinocket taking charge up there and he sends in his dollar, which you will find enclosed.

"FRANK MAGUIRE of South Portland was the first to sign up in Maine, and VIC ERICKSON and I both took him in.

"I met AL HOLDEN and Col. HUME in Houlton and we had a little get-together and have started the ball a-rolling for a YD Chapter in Aroostook County and they say they will have their first get-together in about ten days.

"EARL NOYES of Smyrna Mills is going to look after the boys in that section and says he will contact every one within fifty miles. He has already driven into Houlton to get in touch with HOLDEN, and HOLDEN says he is a wonderful worker and is very much enthused about it.

"I am going into Presque Isle and Fort Fairfield and will get in touch with some one there.

"I will also go into Eastport and Calais and get some one there. I believe that the only way we can get anywhere is to make a personal call and I want Maine to go over the top, and if it does not it will be no fault of mine, as I have got somebody, or will have, in every town, and besides I will sign every one up that I can myself.

"VIC ERICKSON is going to take care of Portland and I wrote a letter to NORMAN THOMAS to take over Lewiston. I have not heard from him yet but hope to soon.

"I have told them to get the idea in the paper and also write every paper about it in their section. If we could get THOMAS KENNON interested we would go over the top flying. I will see him soon.

"MAX STODDARD told me that he would serve and is starting on a trip over the State soon and will talk to everybody he can see or call up.

"I am enclosing letter from the first to answer and I wish you would send it back after reading. Notes like that should be printed in DOINGS as it shows that the old spirit is still there.

"I will make all the contacts I can, and will go down fighting for a bigger and better YD, for in Maine we say, 'As Maine goes so goes the Nation,' and we will get the members.

"The talk in Maine now is, 'We want Col.

HUME in Congress,' and we are going to have him if possible, as we want soldiers in that body.

"Below is list of names to whom I sent circulars, or who had received one.

For Portland, VIC ERICKSON.

For Lewiston, NORMAN THOMAS, 150 Sabbatus Street.

For Augusta, WILFRED MICHAUD, Northern Avenue.

For Waterville, McMANN, address Silver St.

For Skowhegan, WALTER LESSARD, North Ave.

For Bangor, SEWELL BROWN, address in letter.

Millinocket and Smyrna Mills, HOULTON, you will find addresses in letter.

South Paris, GUY SWETT, of So. Paris.

Biddeford, JOE HARVEY, Biddeford.

Dexter, P.A. HASTEY, Dexter, Me.

Jos. MULLHOLLAND, Robinson, Maine.

ERROLL BRAWN, Dover-Foxcroft, Me.

RALPH COWELL, Eastport, Maine.

RICHARD McGARRIGLE and Jos. MURPHY of Calais, Maine.

Rumford, ENA CARRIER, Rumford Falls Trust.

ROBT. MERRILL, Fort Fairfield, Me."

New Hampshire

From "Major" BILL SAYERS, who incidentally has made several trips to Boston to keep in contact with each new development, we hear:

"The following is a list of the Regional Captains that I have appointed.

Manchester, SAMUEL A. MOFFITT, Goffstown, N.H., WALTER J. BOARDMAN, 29 Manning St., EUGENE DUGAS, 72 Elm St., WALTER J. DUDA, 90 Bridge St.

Nashua, ELIOT A. CARTER, Elliott St.

Concord, DR. HAROLD J. CONNOR, 41 Auburn Street.

Keene, JOHN L. SAUNDERS, P.O. Box 14.

Berlin, ARTHUR W. COLE, 142 Main St.

Franklin, RAY H. PRINCE, Salisbury, N.H. (outside Franklin).

Peterboro, ROBERT E. WALBRIDGE, 68 Concord Street.

Claremont, LEONARD F. FLETCHER, 8 Hartford Street.

Lebanon, GEORGE F. RICHARDSON, Room 17, Bank Block.

Somersworth, H. O. JACKSON, 39 Page St.

Portsmouth, JAMES B. MAHONEY, 339 Hanover Street.

Exeter, DR. JOHN G. W. KNOWLTON, 78 Front Street.

Laconia, MYER KASSNER, 24 Summer St.

Dover, HARRY F. McCANN, 23 Broadway

Rochester, FRANK L. THAYER, 60 Main St.

Woodsville, MAURICE C. WALKER, Woodsville, N.H.

Conway, PERCY F. GARLAND, Center Conway, N.H.

Derry, JOHN J. TAYLOR, 30 Pleasant St.

"Newport and a couple of other places are to be taken care of.

"HAROLD DAVISON said he couldn't attend to it, so I wrote to WALKER and appointed him. Just received a note from Dr. Knowlton, and he said he would do anything he could to help. RICHARDSON of Lebanon was the first to answer and accept the appointment, and wants to appoint Lieutenants in Hanover, Enfield, Canaan, and also some other small towns. I gave him a list of the YD men from all the towns in Lebanon and around.

"I wish you would send me 12 more copies of everything so that the Lieutenants can have a copy. I haven't a copy myself now as I mailed it out to Center Conway.

"I got some publicity in the paper today and enclose a clipping.

(Later)—"Just arrived home from the Legion Convention and the World's Fair and had a wonderful time. There were quite a few letters waiting for me but not as many as I expected. These were from Derry, Exeter, Woodsville, Lebanon, Portsmouth, Concord. I met the fellow I appointed Captain from Laconia in Chicago and he assured me he would go to work on it when he got back home.

"I am writing again to Nashua, Keene, Berlin, Franklin, Peterboro, Claremont, Somersworth, Dover, Rochester, and Center Conway as I haven't heard anything from them since the first letter. I hope to make a better report this week-end, but I wanted to let you know that I was back in town."

A mass meeting sponsored by the YD Club of Nashua (CH) is being held in that city on Oct. 26, at which the National Officers will speak.

Vermont

Here is what "Major" HARRY BUGBEE has to say:

"Considerable delay in hearing from Captains in this sector.

"Captains who have definitely accepted: JACK B. WOOD, St. Albans; RAYMOND J. COCKLIN, Rutland; (Prof.) PERLEY C. PERKINS, Middlebury; CARROLL L. SILLOWAY, Morrisville, WARREN H. CLIFFORD, St. Johnsbury.

"Captains WOOD and CLIFFORD both very enthusiastic. Both hope to exceed their quota by a good margin. CLIFFORD even thinks it possible he may get as high as 40 or 50 in Caledonia County.

"JACK WOOD thinks there must be nearly a hundred YD men in Franklin County. A YD man, Joseph Fountain, came into Jack's office while I was there and very readily agreed to join up. Seems a good man.

"Have personally obtained some publicity in St. Albans Messenger. Urging Captains to do the same.

"Have laid plans to start something very definite at the banquet in Barre, October 14. Gov. Wilson of Vermont writes me he will attend if possible.

"Took the field myself last week and obtained one signature, ARTHUR D. ST. GERMAIN, Richford, Vt. Hasn't yet paid me, however.

"Things starting a little slowly, but am, nevertheless, most optimistic.

"Trust we may have a good delegation from Boston at State reunion, Barre, Oct. 13-14.

(Later)—"Just received another acceptance from JOSEPH E. BUSHEY of Montpelier, as captain of that locality. He manifested very commendable loyalty to the Association and every willingness to co-operate. He said they had already held a YD get-together there which would be of assistance in this offensive."

"SLOPSY" COCKLIN writes from Rutland:

"The first gun was fired in our drive for members, I shot three today and will promise more soon.

"Enclosed find check for three dollars with names and addresses.

"Vermont will go over 100% I assure you and Pres. BLAKE."

Unfortunately it was impossible for any of the National Officers outside of Vermont to attend the meeting in Barre on October 14, and no account of it has come to DOINGS.

Northeastern Massachusetts

The city of Lynn, under the auspices of the YD Club of Lynn (CH), had already planned a big membership drive before the Y.D.V.A. mobilization started, so they had a jump on the rest of "Major" GEORGE CRONIN's sector. At the end of the first day of the drive, September 27, President EDDIE DEE telephoned Nat. Hq. to say that 33 of their quota of 100 had been corralled.

Lowell, which is also in CRONIN's sector, is a potential tower of strength, as an active YD Club is formed there, but has not yet come in under the banner of the National organization. President JOHN B. O'DAY of this Club wires:

"Send me congratulations on securing one hundred new members of Lowell YD Club."

"Major" CRONIN reports:

From: Major in Command of Eastern Mass.
To: Commanding Officer.
Subject: Report of Progress.

"1. EDMOND Q. DEE, President YD Club of Lynn, reports that he has appointed Dr. Harold W. Crowell as Chairman of the Membership Drive in the Lynn City Sector; that seven teams of five men each are working under Dr. Crowell on the membership drive which begins October 3rd and ends October 17th.

"The drive in that sector is offering YD medals for prizes.

"Lynn is wide awake and should produce results.

"2. CLYDE H. NORTON, 27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, has accepted appointment as Captain in the Haverhill area. Besides Haverhill his area will include Newburyport, Merrimac, Salisbury, Newbury, West Newbury, Groveland, Georgetown and Topsfield. He would like Rowley, Ipswich, Hamilton and Wenham, but I do not believe that action should be taken on these towns until we hear from Salem and Gloucester.

"Captain NORTON thinks that it would be of much assistance in that area if the organization could furnish a Nationally known officer, and he mentions General COLE, to talk at a YD dinner which they hope to have the latter part of October. Suggest that Secretary SANBORN contact Captain NORTON.

"3. We have not heard from other parts of the sector that was assigned to us.

"The American Legion National Convention is probably interfering with the routine."

Southeastern Massachusetts

No written report is at hand from "Major" HOWARD SANDERSON, but a verbal report, rendered at the National Executive Committee meeting on September 27, indicates that a fair degree of co-operation is being encountered. Plymouth and Brockton are at work: a team captain has accepted the Taunton area, and several have taken up the torch in New Bedford. The only names of these we can give are the Brockton contingent: LATHAM (Capt.); HALLETT, WHITTEN, VANDERSTREET, SWEENEY, BLACKEY, and LLOYD.

Central and Western Massachusetts

"Major" SLATE (although he has a *real* rank of Colonel) has made appointments throughout his Sector, and has written to Nat. Hq. for suggestions for Athol, Orange, and Adams, not originally listed in the list of regional areas.

A big "Booster Meeting" is being held by the YD Club of Springfield (CH) in the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, October 22, which is being attended by the National Officers, and which should result in a big increase in membership in this stronghold of this particular area.

Worcester, like Lowell cited above, is a reservoir of potential strength, as a big YD Club has been started there of which there is little doubt that it will wish to obtain the advantages of becoming one of the affiliated chain of official chapters.

Rhode Island

"Major" BIRD KEACH is handling Rhode Island a little differently than is the case in other sectors. There are good grounds for this: it is a peculiar state, very small in area with a tremendous concentration of population in and around the cities of Providence and Pawtucket.

It has been decided to build up the quota of 250 new members from that state by means of a strong State Headquarters Unit, as authorized by an Amendment to the National Constitution adopted at Concord.

The nucleus of this group, picked by KEACH to be representative of the several organizational groups in

the state, met at the Armory of Mounted Command in Providence, on Thursday, October 19. The National President, Chaplain, Secretary, and former President Col. KEVILLE went down from "G.H.Q." to spread the gospel. The upshot was the formation of a Rhode Island Chapter (not yet officially affiliated). HAROLD TUCKER accepted the job of heading the Committee on Organization, and a monster mass meeting on November 1, at which Maj. COOPER will show his YD Motion Pictures, was planned. At this meeting, the Chapter will be officially launched, and temporary officers elected so that a charter may be applied for right then and there. It is planned to turn out every YD man in R.I., by newspaper publicity and direct contact.

Connecticut

According to a letter from good old BARNEY CLARKE (LM) of Noroton Heights, that lovely little town is the first in New England to go over the top with its full quota (10). Barney writes: "I have already sent in to my old skipper, DANA T. LEAVENWORTH, Noroton's quota of 10 to start the ball rolling and let him know his old sergeant is still taking his commands." Incidentally, notice that (LM) after Barney's name. For the most part, all (M)s and (LM)s are left out this month, as explained elsewhere, but we just can't leave this one out. With the report quoted above came five crisp, new ten dollar bills, and a statement: "I was going to give myself a Christmas present of a Life Membership. To-day I heard your clarion call, and beg to report 'Ready!' " Can you beat a fella like that?

Nothing definite has been heard from "Major" LEAVENWORTH, but the Y.D.V.A. has confidence that things are going well in Connecticut, and that the New England spirit of the YD is as strong there as elsewhere.

Outside New England

Although no direct effort has been made to carry the Mobilization beyond the borders of New England, the fever seems to be in the air. A sudden outburst from the YD Club of Southern California (CH) has resulted in ten or more new members. Riding the crest of the Legion Convention wave, a dozen or more converts have been sent in by that actively growing chapter—the YD Club of Chicago (CH).

Conclusion

We're on our way! The Yankee Division marches again: for the glory of the past and the achievement of the present—keep going. The command is forward.

—P. N. S.

YD JUNIOR DRUM CORPS

The YD goes marching on, and now the second generation is coming along in the footsteps of their dads.

Under DICK WHITE as manager, the YD Junior Drum Corps has already held three rehearsals, has 33 youngsters at a fever-pitch of enthusiasm, and bids fair, when it gets going, to be the biggest boost for the old YD since we laid our O. D.'s in mothballs.

Can you picture the hit these kids are going to make in a parade where drum corps of grown-ups are simply an old story?

If you belong to the YD Club, or the YD Post, or the Y.D.V.A., and have a youngster, either boy or girl, over 10 years old, watch their eyes shine when you tell 'em about it. Let 'em come into the YD Club on a Sunday afternoon and try out—also meet all the other youngsters. Furthermore, here is another tie with the old Division, for every youngster in the Corps must have a dad who belongs to the Club and the Post (or, in outlying districts, the Y.D.V.A.).

Mr. Casano is teaching the young buglers to toot, while JIM CHRISTIE is handling the drummers.

And if all this isn't enough there are going to be uniforms. We can't tell you all about them because it's a secret. But it is to be of a design that no other Drum Corps, either Junior or grown-up, in the United States has.

What a family affair this old YD has become. The Club, the Post, for the men, the YD Auxiliary and YD Post Auxiliary for the ladies, and now an organization for the youngsters—their own "outfit." Let's put it over, BIG.

WE'LL DELIVER IT PERSONALLY NEXT TIME

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Both J. W. KELLEY and myself herewith register a formal protest and complaint because of not yet having received the September issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

Be hereby warned that such derelictions are not to be tolerated, and inform all concerned accordingly. May you rest in peace if this happens again.

Sincerely,

—LEON F. DENIS

for *Denis & Kelley, Ltd., Attorneys.*

P.S.—Print this in DOINGS—if you dare.

—L. F. D.

We print it, DENIS, old kid, and simply add that if anybody MUST live 10,000 miles from Boston, which after all is the only place to live, then they must bear with fortitude the evils which their benightedness brings upon them.

ASSISTANCE WANTED

VERNON B. WILLIAMS, who served under the name of Vernon W. Aldridge, his adopted name, in Company A, 102nd Inf., would like to get in contact with all former Members of Company A, 102nd Infantry, who remember of a shell exploding in the Meuse Argonne Forest about November 1st, 1918, injuring his ear drums. Please get in touch with VERNON B. WILLIAMS, Box 13, Station "A", Los Angeles, California, to help a comrade who is a member of the YD Association establish his service connected disability.

AN OLD FRIEND SHOWS UP

Guess we all met her at some time or other: at least we never heard of any bird out of the A.E.F. that didn't claim at least a speaking acquaintance (if not something vastly more intimate) with that prodigiously fascinating, marvellously accommodating gay and debonair Mademoiselle from Armentieres.

And here she is, my lads, in the flesh, and who would want her otherwise.

"Oh, Sherman said that war was hell,
Parlez-vous,
Oh Sherman said that war was hell,
Parlez-vous,
Oh Sherman said that war was hell,
But he never "kissed" a mademoiselle,
Hinky-dinky, parlez-vous."

Our old friend and member, MELBERT CARY, of Gotham, being blessed with a print shop, some spare time and a modicum of imagination, made a deep and solemn vow that this lady of song and story should not, like government for the people, vanish from the earth. So he got out a book about her, or rather about all the things all of us used to sing about her. Well not quite *all* perhaps, as his stock of asbestos paper was limited and no chances were to be run of having the rag stock catch fire from spontaneous combustion. But *some* of the rich and racy verses there are. And best of all a second volume is in the offing. Now we should get the dirt.

However, it's the first volume we're talking about. Here IS a book, with a rich red back, symbolic of Mademoiselle's ardor and passion. As to the contents, the reproductions of two of the illustrations and two of the verses here give only a faint idea.

Talking of rare volumes: not a copy of this one has ever been sold, although the author has been offered $100 for a single copy. Only a few were printed anyway (we are the fortunate possessor of one). Some of the few were disposed of, but always as the gift of the author. In no other way can one become the possessor of a truly rare volume.

And now, here's the story. In the YD Mobilization, the first seven Captains whose town or city goes over the top with its allotted quota of new members will receive one of these volumes with the compliments of the author. And the first Sector Major whose entire sector reaches its goal, whether each town in it has or not, will receive one.

It's a great little keepsake, and one you'll want to keep hidden behind the front row of books on your book-shelf. There is only one reservation attached to this offer. That is, you are urged (every reader of YANKEE DOINGS) to send one or more verses of this famous ditty to MELBERT CARY, JR., 1009 Park Ave., New York City. Who knows but the second volume may be followed by a third and so on. Your reporter has considered time and oft sending down to Gotham six or eight of the stanzas he knows best, but every time fear of postal regulations has deterred him. Perhaps some day when we're over there, we'll slip them under Cary's back door and run.

"The stalwart Marine went over the top,
Parlez-vous,
The stalwart Marine went over the top,
Parlez-vous,
The stalwart Marine went over the top,
But that was after the war had stopped,
Hinky-dinky, parlez-vous."

WHO WANTS TO PART WITH A "PICTORIAL HISTORY"?

Col. HARRY BISSELL, 93 Elwood Rd., So. Manchester, Conn., wants to buy a copy of Maj. COOPER'S "Pictorial History of the Yankee Division." The volume is out of print, and his only chance is to get one from a present owner who is willing to sell. Name your price, and write to Col. BISSELL.

SPIRIT OF THE OLD YD

By ROYAL K. HAYES

National Chaplain

The breath of life or that peculiar vital power that gave birth to the YD spirit in France is to-day hovering over the ranks of the living. The immortal part of man carries on long after the body has crumbled into dust. Values are eternal. Our comrades salute us from the blessed abode of the gallant dead. We keep sacred communion with those of our comrades who rest beneath the soil of a foreign land.

To-day the security of our nation is threatened. Once again it is zero hour. We are attacked not by armies from without but by vicious minorities from within our own country.

Vested interests that do not respect human personality mock at established traditions and the ethical code of human conduct. Selfishness and greed create the system of philosophy practiced by the mean and the vicious. The moral law has been forgotten by many in high places of government and leadership. Finance or politics should never be a market-place for scheming and conniving parasites.

No individual or nation can survive without the will to live. Life must be worth the living and there must be values and meanings or else human existence is not a privilege but a curse. No nation can survive torn into bleeding ribbons by the conflicting winds of doctrine and propaganda.

We all recall the story of the camel that kicked his benefactor out of the tent after seeking refuge during a storm. America has been the asylum of the world. Here men and women have found a place of security. Opportunity to worship God according to the dictates of conscience has been enjoyed. Freedom of expression and an opportunity for creative activity have been encouraged.

Communism is the arch-enemy of everything sacred in American life. Our symbols and shrines are so much drivel to the Communist. Our religions and our institutions are held up to ridicule by Communists. We who welcomed the downtrodden and the unfortunate are to-day not considered fit to live in our own country.

The alien horde has lifted the mailed fist to strike us down. The bloody hands of Communism reach for our throats to strangle out our national consciousness. They shall not pass! We shall choose to fight, neither asking nor giving quarter to the alien horde.

Let us resolve to have that same enthusiasm which characterized our conduct in France. Let us possess that peculiar courage which gives men the spirit to face the enemy. Here in America we have a common foe and we must line up for attack on a full front.

Upon the shoulders of the Veteran rests a solemn obligation. He is the custodian of battle flags. He is the defender of law and order. He is the protector of women and children. He is the living wall that withstands the bullet and bayonet of the enemy.

The soldier preserves and maintains the torch of civilization in its various cultures.

The mob stands for anarchy. Communism is an organized mob. The mob brings about lawlessness and disintegration. Communism is a degenerate movement led by perverted and depraved personalities.

We of the YD have no patience with public enemies whether they be in the ranks of Communism or some other minority group. Our duty is to end a period of corruption. We shall leave the crooked politician and the dishonest banker to the voters and the law courts. But we as Veterans have ways and means of stamping out Communism.

Did you ever grasp the hand of a dying man "somewhere in France"? Do you remember those days of 1917-1919? You can never forget. We may have our minor differences among ourselves. But let some malicious outside influence start something in these United States and the old YD spirit goes marching by sans drums and parades.

Within a few years we shall join the legion of the dead. Those we left "Over There" did not forget. Shall we break faith with the dead? America is not big enough for Communism and Democracy. In the Spirit Of The Old YD we shall carry on for God and country.

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Something has been missing from my life and I think I have discovered what it is. YANKEE DOINGS has been one publication which never comes often enough, and I don't understand why I have let it go so long.

I am enclosing one Buck and am climbing back on board. Please direct one swift kick in my direction if I slip off again.

I'll be looking for my DOINGS, and when I get it I'll feel again as if I'm a member of the grandest outfit that ever wore a uniform.

Wishing you the best of success, I am

Yours sincerely,

CECIL E. BILLINGTON

(G Co., 103rd Inf.)

Bridgton, Me., October 19.

HOW ABOUT IT?

RALPH EASTMAN informs DOINGS that there has been a request to have Gen. SHERBURNE'S Final Report of the Overseas Memorial which appeared in the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS printed in book form, together with lists of the Committees and donors—also pictures of the Memorial Church.

If there is sufficient demand, this will be done. Please drop a line to the Y.D.V.A., and let us know how you feel about it.

THIS NUMBER

DOINGS seems to have fallen behind in its schedule. The September issue was very late in coming out, and this number is still later, running over into November before you will probably actually receive it. It is called the November Number, but it is really the October and November numbers in one, and contains all the news since September.

There are two reasons for this. 1. Until the Mobilization shows big results we are coasting along under furled sails, not spending beyond the money actually in hand. 2. Your editor is on a leave of absence from his regular duties as Secretary, having been fortunate in securing a temporary job elsewhere which just about takes up his full time.

This latter state of affairs is a "break" for the Association which no one is any gladder to see come to pass than he is himself. For it relieves the organization of the salary of its payroll of one (1) employee—the only one on said roll anyhow. During the interim, BILL HACKETT (Batt. A, 101st F.A.) is Acting Secretary, while the strictly editing and publishing end of the job is being carried on as before, only in spare time.

Sorry to be so late in coming out with this issue, but now it will be gratifying to all to know that it has meant saving some money for the organization —and God knows it can stand saving some.

THE (M)s THIS MONTH

Because of the fact that your editor is getting the copy for this issue out in such spare minutes as he can find, the (M)s indicating membership have been omitted this month. It takes quite a while to check every name which appears with the files each month the last thing before the copy goes to the printer, and time is the one thing there ain't much of right here and now. So we hope you'll excuse the omission for just this month.

101st INFANTRY REUNION AT FRAMINGHAM

YANKEE DOINGS has an apology to offer. The 101st Infantry Reunion at Framingham was held September 8, 9 and 10. The September number of DOINGS went to press about five days late, along about the sixth, just too early to tell the tale. And here is the next number, running way over into November before you receive it. We actually "ain't got the noive" to run an account of an affair that took place pretty near two months ago.

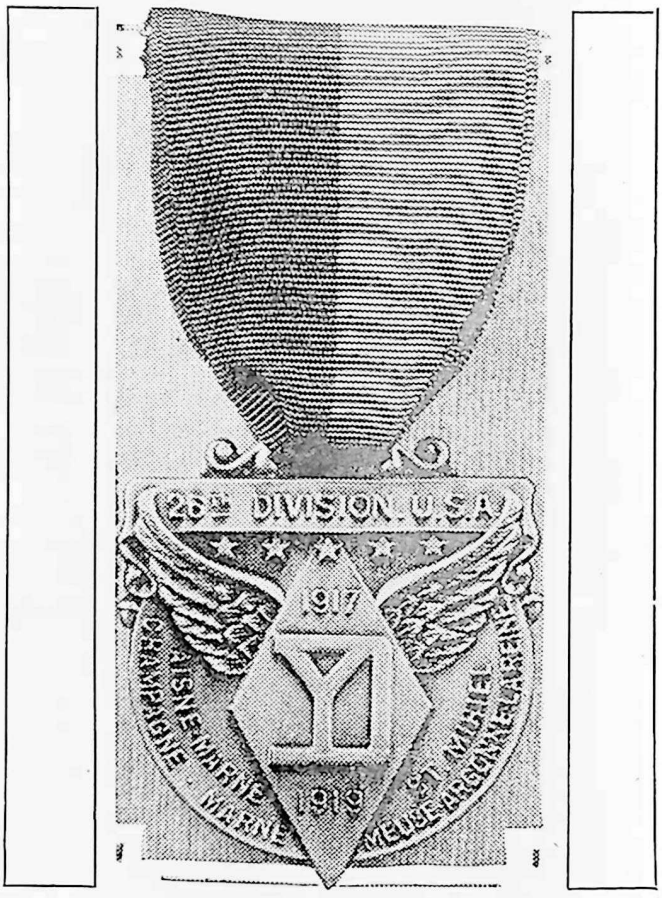
It came up to expectations, in fact was a credit to the grand old outfit that put it on. Here is one regiment (the 104th is another) that can take over a town and put on a reunion on a scale which compares favorably with the Divisional affair itself—in attendance, in color, sound, fun, events, and general joie de vivre.

We don't want any one to feel that DOINGS has fallen down on the job, but the schedule of going to press just gave this affair a rotten break in that it was two days too late for one issue, and about five or six weeks too early for the next.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

"An Emblem of Distinction"

The second and third consignments of these medals have been sold out, but the Y.D.V.A. is still ready to meet all comers. Here indeed is the visible symbol of the Rebirth of the Division concerning which you will find so much in this number.



Thanks to the courtesy of BERT FORD (Div. Hq.), of the *Boston American* staff, who has loaned us the cut used on the front page of that paper, we are able to print a likeness of this medal here. If you haven't yet ordered one, use the blank printed in this issue. No one but an overseas YD veteran can rightfully possess one. That alone should make it worth the having.

USE ORDER BLANK
ON BACK COVER

ENGINEER WELFARE ASS'N

The 101st Engineer Welfare Ass'n held their first meeting of the Winter season, Oct. 2, at the Armory, with a very good attendance. Tea was served by A Co. ladies.

Oct. 18, Whist Party. Mrs. Linn, Chairman. Mrs. Kenney assisted.

Nov. 9, Whist Party at Moxieland.

Dec. 4, Christmas sale at the Armory.

LOUISIANA CHECKS IN

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

On the 7th, 8th, and 9th of September, the Department of Louisiana, American Legion, held its Annual Convention (in Shreveport), and I made an effort to check up on any YD men present. I succeeded in meeting the following:

J. T. BOYETT, Sarepta, Louisiana. Company C, 103rd Infantry. Vice-Commander of Cotton Valley Post No. 132 of the American Legion.

ELZY STOOTS, Crowley, Louisiana. Company D, 103rd Machine Gun Battalion.

J. H. HOUGHTON, Mitchell, Louisiana. Battery E, 102nd Field Artillery.

V. EARL EARP, Asst. Attorney General, State of Texas.

Junior Past Commander, Texas Department, American Legion.

Present address Austin, Texas, but expects soon to move to Tyler, Texas. I believe he intends to resign the attorney generalship. Company D, 102nd Infantry, 18 days, from June 6, 1918 to June 24, 1918.

The first two, BOYETT and STOOTS, joined the Division as replacements and belong here in the South. The third, J. H. HOUGHTON, went over, I believe, with the 102nd Field Artillery. His home was formerly Worcester. EARP was a Sergeant in the 6th Infantry and served the 18 days from June 6th to June 24th with Company D of the 102nd Infantry on detached service.

Please see that the Y.D.V.A. sends me ten or twelve membership application blanks, and I will attempt to follow up these birds for membership.

By the way, there was one more, HOWARD MATTHEWS, whose address I have not noted. He formerly lived in Shreveport and is now either at Longview or Tyler, Texas, where he conducts scouting information business for the oil industry. HOWARD MATTHEWS was an officer in some YD outfit, and I have met him down here several times. He was at the convention for one day only and I did not have a chance to cross examine him. I will have the dope on him later. I intend to keep up the search until we have enough gathered together to form a YD chapter somewhere down in this part of the country.

Recently in New Orleans, Louisiana's so-called Senator, Huey P. Long, visited the post of the V.F.W. of which he is an honorary member. At that meeting, August 18th, I believe, he was officially notified before the post of the honor. New Orleans papers state that a bird in uniform by the name of Jack Anderson loudly protested the conferring of the honor, and was thrown out of the meeting. Anderson wore the ribbon of the Croix de Guerre and said he served with the 101st Engineers and was wounded five times. I looked over the roster of the 101st Engineers in the Regimental History and I find only one Anderson and one Andreson. The Anderson is reported to have been wounded once.

I hold no brief for the crawfish, Huey Long. However, if Anderson is taking the name of the 101st Engineers in vain, I would like to scotch his efforts. If you can get me any dope on him I would appreciate it. Possibly you know the whereabouts of the Anderson and the Andreson who are listed in the regimental roster.*

Yours very truly,

—W. F. CHISHOLM
(101st Engrs.)

Shreveport, La., Sept. 15.

* The Engineer roster reveals no one by this name.
—[ED. DOINGS.]

TAPS

Lieut. SAMUEL A. SMITH, who served as a sergeant in the 102nd Infantry before the 26th Division sailed for France, but after receiving his commission in August, 1917, was assigned to the 28th Infantry, 1st Division, died in the Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Conn., on October 8. He had a distinguished record with the 1st Division, and was decorated with the fourragere of the Croix de Guerre, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and several campaign service medals.

PETER D. MURPHY, formerly of D Battery, 103rd Field Artillery, died at his home in Dover, Massachusetts, on September 14. Burial services were held on Monday, September 18, at St. Mary's Church, Dover.

CLAUDE RAY GEORGE, formerly of G Co., 103rd Infantry, died at East Calais, Vermont, on September 30. The deceased was totally disabled during the last few years, was a member of the American Legion and Sons of Union War Veterans. He left a widow and five children; burial services and interment were in East Calais, Vt.

WALTER RAYMOND CLARK, formerly of A Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died on Monday, September 18. YD Post 290, American Legion, officiated at the military funeral services from his late home, 9 Fountain Road, Arlington, on Wednesday, September 20.

ERNEST APPLETON, formerly of Headquarters Co., 101st Infantry, was buried on September 20. YD Post 290, American Legion, officiated at the services in Waterman's Funeral Chapel, Boston. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mr. Appleton met death by drowning.

DAVID M. HOLLAND, formerly of Headquarters Co., 101st Infantry, died on May 12, 1933, at his home, 626 Leonard St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Military funeral services were conducted by Greenpoint Post 241, American Legion; interment was at the National Cemetery. Mr. Holland was also a member of the YD Veterans Association at the time of his death.

HERBERT F. PRESCOTT, formerly of I Co., 101st Infantry, died on Wednesday, October 18. Funeral services, attended by many of his former comrades of I Company, were held on Saturday, October 21, from David Fudge Funeral Parlors in Somerville, Massachusetts.

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION OF VERMONT YD MEN

That's an impressive looking caption, and should stand at the head of a complete account of the big affair up in Barre, Vermont, on October 13 and 14. But unfortunately no report has been received. DOINGS realizes that it is probably its own fault, for going to press at an unusual time of the month (as explained elsewhere). Doubtless along about the first of the month the whole story will come in.

Your editor had the good fortune to attend the first of these parties in St. Johnsbury in 1931, and last year's in Rutland. But this year, he just couldn't make it. However, he can visualize it, for when Vermont throws a YD party, it re-echoes throughout New England. We feel sort of ashamed at not having the details, and hope the boys up there will realize that nothing but necessity kept us away. Hope somebody comes to bat with an account of the festivities.

CONVENTION ECHOES

YANKEE DOINGS never made an announcement with any more pride or pleasure than it makes this one. The Concord Convention Corporation has met and paid every bill of the Convention! Now there's a mark to shoot at! Words of praise for "Doc" BLOOD, JOE LUCIER, and all the others that made this achievement possible would sound faint and inadequate. To run a Convention and stay out of the red is the height of something or other, and our chapeaux are off to them!

We print the financial statement:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YD REUNION CORPORATION
September 15, 1933.

RECEIPTS

Registration Committee	$1,773.84	
Concession Committee	132.00	
Ball Committee	170.96	
Drum Corps Contest, gross receipts	327.70	
Advertising, net receipts	785.04	
Concord business firms	300.00	
		$3,489.54

EXPENDITURES

	Budget	*Expended*
Registration	$ 793.00	$ 692.91
Hotels and Housing	23.00	24.50
Information and Reunions	.....	24.00
Parade Committee	13.50	24.25
Medical First Aid	25.00	24.40
Police Committee	11.20	11.80
Decorations	60.00	66.25
Transportation	.....	.....
Drum Corps Contest	1,000.00	1,047.77
Publicity	500.00	563.28
Concessions	.....	56.66
Night Air Show	78.00	88.50
Finance	.....	.....
Concord Headquarters	150.00	201.81
Reception	25.00	16.35
Ball	114.00	137.96
YD Dr. C'ps Contest	100.00	99.99
Boston YD Headq.	50.00	27.75
YANKEE DOINGS	500.00	367.50
	$3,442.70	$3,475.68

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CASH ON HAND—SEPT. 15, 1933	$13.86

Unpaid bills—
T. O. Metcalf Company, bal. $60.00*

* This balance has since been cleaned up.

YD COMRADES MEET IN COURT

Three old YD men met under peculiar circumstances in the district court in Quincy recently, in the respective roles of attorney, defendant, and complainant, when ENOCH H. DOBLE, of 24 South Street, was arraigned on the minor charge of passing a red light.

DOBLE was the defendant; Patrolman JOSEPH GRIFFIN was the complainant, and EVERETT PROUT was the attorney. DOBLE served with the 102nd Machine Gun Company; GRIFFIN with the 101st Engineers and PROUT with the 101st Infantry. DOBLE was captured by the Germans after being badly gassed and spent many months in a German prison camp.

Judge Kenneth L. Nash, apparently realizing that passing a red light unknowingly is not a very serious crime when old buddies get together, placed the case on file.

YD AUXILIARY

Welcome to the delegation of the YD Auxiliary of Springfield who are visiting our Auxiliary in October. We trust their visit will be a pleasant one and that they will come again.

Don't forget Saturday, Nov. 4, our Annual Bazaar and Whist at the YD Club. Proceeds will be used to care for veterans and their families in need or distress. Donations will be gratefully accepted by the Chairman, Edna M. Snape, 312 Warren St., Roxbury.

Another "Trip to Moxieland"—Nov. 13, also Whist and Bridge. Come one, come all, and have an enjoyable afternoon. Moxie Co., Heath St., Nov. 13, at 2 P.M.

Our next Sewing meeting will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. Adele Hendrickson, 24 Royce Rd., Allston, October 25.

—EDNA M. SNAPE
Chairman of Publicity

"SHORTS"

RALPH W. ROBART (104th Inf.), Massachusetts Commissioner on the Necessaries of Life, has been appointed chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Legion of Valor.

HARRY E. BARKER of Clifton Springs, N.Y., was a recent visitor at the YD Club of Boston.

The Sept. 11 meeting saw the largest reunion of members this season.

Comrade SULLIVAN, manager of the Drum Corps, informed the members that the Post had won $75 in the competition at Framingham. He exorted the members who could blow a bugle or beat a drum to sign up, and those unable to do this would be taught.

To be voted on at next meeting: Amendments to the Constitution as introduced by Comrade Past Commander DUNCAN:

Article II, Section 4 (as it reads now):

The Post shall be entitled to delegates to the Department Convention in accordance with the rules of the Department, said delegates to be nominated by the Post annually two meetings prior to the Convention, and elected one meeting prior to the Convention.

As amended by Comrade DUNCAN, to read as follows:

The Post shall be entitled to delegates to the Department Convention, in accordance to the rules of the Department, said delegates to be nominated by the Post annually the first meeting in June and elected the last meeting in June.

Article V, Section 2, to read as follows:

The officers of the Post shall be a Commander, three Vice-Commanders, an Adjutant, Finance Officers, a Post Historian, a Post Chaplain, and a Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be nominated from the floor at the meeting preceding the annual election. So passed by unanimous vote.

At this juncture the nominations of members of the Post for the executive offices for the year of 1934 took place. This business concluded, Past Commander WILSON made a motion that Commander KING be presented with a Past Commander's medal. So passed over the suggestion that funds for this medal be used for entertainment and refreshments the evening the new Post officers, aforesaid suggestion made by Commander KING.

It was voted that a Penny Sale be held the following Friday evening to defray the expenses of that evening.

The meeting of Sept. 25 was called to order with 184 members present.

Commander KING announced that Post Historian HENRY CHAPIN had, after long and arduous work, compiled the Post record and history from the time of the YD Post inception to the present time, and called upon Comrade CHAPIN to say a few words. Historian CHAPIN then formally presented the two beautiful written volumes, illustrated with photos of the activities of Post and Drum Corps in its years of existence, to Commander KING who received it in behalf of the Post. Comrade CHAPIN was loudly applauded by the members for his painstaking work to record the doings of the YD Post of the Legion for posterity.

Commander MARK KING read a complete and very interesting report of the activities of the Post and Drum Corps, business, entertainments, smoker speakers who addressed the Post, competitions and parades the Post has participated in during the past year.

The Post was invited to attend the memorial services to Norman Prince, American Ace flying in the Lafayette Escadrille, killed in France, to be held at Trinity Church, Boston, Sunday, Oct. 15th.

On a motion made by Comrade TAYLOR further business was suspended and the election of officers proceeded. After the ballots were cast for the various candidates a wait of nearly two hours occurred. In the interim drawings for tickets to the Legion convention and other prizes were held. The drawings over, and awaiting the count of the votes, an impromptu concert was held. Comrade DENIHEN, professor of music, rendered, "On the Road to Mandalay" and "Shanty Town," accompanied on the piano by Comrade MARTY BROWN. Comrade DUNCAN surprised all by playing "Symphonic Studies" by Schumann on the piano. Comrade TAYLOR sang with great feeling the "Song of Love" from "Blossom Time." Comrade MORRIS GOLDMAN performed superbly on the harmonica. Adjutant RILEY spoke on music and a desire to form a glee club, and might have demonstrated his ideas in harmony but fortunately at this juncture the results of the election were announced.

SABINE C. SOUSA was elected commander, JOHN H. LYNCH, WILLIAM RILEY, JOSEPH C. SIMMONS, vice-commanders; HAROLD GILLIS, adjutant; JOHN F. COLLINS, finance officer; JOHN T. GOOD, sergeant-at-arms; WILLIAM J. DAVIS, chaplain. The Executive Committee is MARK KING, FRED WILSON, ALBERT BERNARD, GEO. CRONIN, ROBERT DUNCAN, JR., WM. LAWLOR, and JAMES D. WOOD. The delegates to Suffolk Council are FRED JACKSON, ROBERT DUNCAN, JR., and FRED T. WILSON. Comrade TIMOTHY MULCAHY, candidate for Commander, moved that the election of Comrade SOUSA for Commander be unanimous. This sportsmanlike gesture of Comrade MULCAHY was warmly applauded by the members.

On the motion of Comrade JOHN NOLAN the meeting was adjourned at 1.10 o'clock.

—M. J. M.

CAN YOU BLAME HIM?

The following took place at a meeting of the Southern California YD Club (CH).

What???? Change the name of Arkansaw? The classic remarks of the Senator, when such a proposal was made, were mild in comparison to the indignation of BOB HURLEY (102nd F.A.) at our meeting on September 6th, when a motion was made that we let down the bars of our organization to admit the many veterans of other divisions who wanted to join the YD Club of Southern California. Of course, it was a frame-up to get a rise out of BOB and it sure worked. Before the meeting, President FOX and I asked EARL HARRIMAN and PETE DRESSER to make and second such a motion and to tip the other boys off. Then we called BOB over and confidentially informed him that we understood a certain group of the members were going to try and put over a motion to let in anyone and if they did we wanted him to spike it. Was he willing to? Yea-bo!

The matter came up under new business and as soon as HARRIMAN had made his preposterous motion HURLEY leaped to his feet (literally) and proceeded to do a far better job at "spiking" than we anticipated. He raved, roared and ranted. He stormed, stamped and sizzled. "What I can't understand," yelled he, "is how in the ‡ ! ! ‡ a Yankee Division man with an ounce of brains could make such a ‡!!!$‡ motion, and how another YD man with even less brains could second it."

The boys all enjoyed watching him boil and most of them are still laughing.

Now don't get the idea that BOB HURLEY was any innocent victim. He was smart enough to see through our gag and just made up his mind that if the boys wanted a show he would give them one. So, after all, the joke was on us. But we all had fun, which is the main thing. —G. K. M.

AMONG THE YD CLUBS AND CHAPTERS

Following are the only news dispatches received from the various YD Clubs and Chapters since the last issue. Mention of the newly forming Rhode Island Chapter, and the unaffiliated chapters in Lowell and Worcester will be found in the article telling of the New England wide Mobilization. Mention will also be found there of the activity of the YD Club of Lynn (CH).

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

The destinies of the YD Club of Boston (CH) are always more closely linked with those of the National Association than is the case with any of the other of its chapters. For in the Boston Clubhouse are the Headquarters of the Association, and as one has its ups and downs, the other seems to go along on a parallel course.

You have read, in this issue, how the National body met the challenge of give up or fight as you have never fought before. In a similar spirit, the Boston Club has peeled off its coat and vest, spit in its hands, and decided to "attack with the centre."

Times have been tough; there's no question about that. A fat little nest-egg was put to good purpose during the past summer in cleaning up, painting up and generally renovating the Club property. The place looks like a million dollars. In fact the psychological effect was to make all members feel, "Boy, this is a *real* Club now. Let's swing into action and dig up the wherewithal to keep it active and on an even financial keel."

Plans haven't progressed far yet—there hasn't been time. But with the vast, untapped reservoir of loyalty and good will, which the Division still retains in Boston and vicinity, any talk of defeatism is too absurd. One of the events scheduled is a Military Ball which will be put over on a scale to give Boston something to talk about. Just get an affair such as this fixed in the minds of the people as an annual event of the season, and the highest hurdle has been taken. Each year after that it will almost run itself.

This year it will be at the Copley Plaza on Dec. 8. Watch for notice. And the YD will not afford to do anything half way. There is but one weapon with which to overcome retreat—and that is ADVANCE. Watch the YD Club of Boston.

YD CLUB OF PORTLAND (CH)

During the War, they said that VIRGEL ROBERTS (F Co., 103rd Inf.) did a lot of blowing. He was our wind-jammer, and if he is not blowing now, he ought to be. He is "the Old Man" to 5 husky youngsters, half a squad of soldiers and a nurse. He lives in Dover-Foxcroft; send him a card (of sympathy).

ROY ROLLINS (same outfit and same town) has organized an orchestra and is ready for the winter dances. He can pound the piano like nobody's business.

MELANSON (B Co., 103rd Inf.) has a position with the Pyroil people. You can find him at 386 Cumberland Ave., Portland, perhaps. If you see a 1934 Maine license tag with the letters A. L., you will know that the owner belongs to the American Legion; why not the same idea for YD members? CLIFF BRUNS has had more or less trouble with reu-mat-icks this summer.

Our hard working Secretary, SOL CRASNICK, sent out 65 card notices for our first meeting of the fall, and only two squads and a file closer were there. And yet, they say they don't get word of the meetings. Some of them birds would not come if Sally Rand was there, minus her fans.

At the annual meeting of the Harold T. Andrews Post A. L., SOL CRASNICK, LOUIE DONAHUE and MALCOLM STODDARD were elected to the Executive Committee. All good men and good workers. If SOL isn't wearing a halo, he ought to be, after the glowing tribute, paid to him by the Post Commander, for the work he has done as Service Officer. Heard at a door lately, "Want a box of Christmas cards, Lady?" "No, I am going to buy mine of the YD Club in Boston." Here is some more F Co. news: Capt. NORTON wishes to thank the boys of his company that sent him cards from the Concord Convention. At the annual meeting of the Legion Post in his town, Capt. NORTON was elected Finance Officer. He has held this office for many years. The best excuse for not being at our last meeting is the best yet and one not heard for some time—I was working!

YD CLUB OF CHICAGO (CH)

YD Banquet During Legion Convention

Yankee Division veterans held a reunion of 200 in the main dining room of the Illinois Athletic Club and turned away many who could not be seated. John F. Cushing, president of the club, made the visitors feel at home by a thrilling speech of welcome.

Officials of the YD Club of Chicago, sponsoring the Yankee Division reunion, decreed that guests should not enter the club until 7:30 p.m., the time set for seating in the main dining room. Flocking in from the parade, the Legionnaires accepted this ruling with the best of good nature. They gathered outside, blocked traffic, and engaged in song and dance that proved entertaining to many besides themselves.

The purpose of the reunion was to set a time and place for the meeting of "buddies," many of whom had not seen one another since demobilization. Gathered outside the club, they staged scores of demonstrative greetings, and the crowd was in hilarious mood when it was finally admitted.

Despite the enthusiasm prevailing, the Yankee Division proved to be an amazingly well behaved crowd. This was attested by the remarks of members of the club, who yielded to inclination to join in the fun.

When they opened their proceedings by singing two verses of "The Star Spangled Banner," the lusty strains penetrated the entire club and those present on other floors and even out on Michigan avenue stopped and joined in the patriotic refrain.

Many of the veterans brought their ladies along. After the reunion, one wife asserted it made her 2,000-mile journey to Chicago worth while just to be at the banquet.

While bonfires raged outside in Michigan avenue, fed with the boxes, paper and wreckage of the great parade, the YD veterans listened to Col. A. E. MONTEITH of Los Angeles, once of the 101st Engineers of the Division, tell of his experiences in developing the "Mystery Squadron," which flew American spies into Germany and went back to pick them up when they were ready to report. Colonel MONTEITH stated that this outfit, which became publicly known only a year ago, had a force of 650 men, and lost only 52, testifying to its efficiency. The flying colonel also told of a recent meeting with Ernst Udet, German war ace, who happened to be on the same radio program with him in Los Angeles. They compared notes and found they must have been antagonists in several aerial combats, and as a result Colonel MONTEITH said he has been made an honorary member of the German Legion, through the friendship resulting with Udet.

The YD veterans heard Father GEORGE CONNOR of Springfield, Mass., pay a rousing tribute to the memory of General CLARENCE EDWARDS, first commander of their division. They were brought to their feet time after time with rounds of applause as Father CONNOR played upon their emotions with masterly oratory.

The veterans heard W. D. CROWELL, president of the local YD Club, report that of the 350 veterans registering, 135 listed as living in Chicago and vicinity. The New England outfit was refilled with units from many parts of the United States during its five major campaigns in France, said Mr. CROWELL, thus partly accounting for the large Chicago contingent.

The registration list, compiled in the lobby as the veterans came for their banquet tickets, proved the means of bringing into contact many who had not met in fifteen years. The writer met a buddy of hi from Battery C of the 101st Artillery. The roster o the YD Club of Chicago (CH) was doubled as a result of the reunion.

This means of identification was supplemented by T. H. SHEPPARD, vice-president of the YD Club and toastmaster of the evening, who called upon each man to rise and announce his name and outfit. Thanks were extended to local committee men who helped to make the affair a grand success, including JOHN J. LYONS, E. D. O'CONNELL, FRANK FOLEY, BILL BRADY, E. E. ADAMSON and others. After the banquet the committee met and voted its thanks and deep obligation to President Cushing, the staff of the club, and the members, who not only extended the hospitality of the club, provided faultless service, and joined in the fun of the evening.

A member of the I. A. C., RICHARD W. CHAPMAN, proved to be a YD man. He met half a dozen buddies of the 103rd machine gun company, in which he was an officer, joined the YD Club, and entered enthusiastically into the entertainment of the visitors. Nearly every outfit in the Division, every rank from colonel to buck private, and one Red Cross nurse, was represented in the reunion.

One of the interesting sidelights of the affair was the visit of Rev. RAY ANDERSON of the 4th Presbyterian Church, Chicago, who enjoyed a reunion with Father CONNOR, and greeted many of the boys he knew when he served with the Division.

Members of the YD committee expressed themselves as being exceptionally fortunate in having the I. A. C. as banquet headquarters. This gave arriving Legionnaires an objective in a strange city where they

found a friendly reception by their own representatives, who directed them to registration points and secured for them hotel accommodations. Many came without reservations, and the committee, through its contacts, was able to find hotel rooms for more than thirty in an already over-crowded city. Some of the boys declared they did not have such prompt and efficient service at any previous legion convention.

Arriving YD men were directed to the local club's room at the Morrison Hotel, where for two days previous to the banquet they gathered and talked over old times. On the day of the banquet one of the I. A. C. private dining rooms was made available for this purpose. The YD boys were frank in praise of the club, its friendly members, and the excellent facilities provided.

How much all this meant to the visitors may be indicated by the fact that boys from other divisions wanted to join the party. The parade, their big climax, was over, and they had no place to go and wanted to gather with other veterans. YD boys had some place to go, and they appreciated it.

—C. A. B.

YD CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD (CH)

The Club, at a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 18, decided to reduce its dues to fifty cents for balance of year. We hope that this will bring the boys in.

Last we heard from JIMMIE ARMESON was from a Reforestation Camp at East Barre, Vt.

A Mammoth Booster Day was held on Sunday, October 22, in the Municipal Auditorium for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Club. The National President, BILL BLAKE, accompanied by the Secretary, was on hand to give the angle of the Association.

"As a part of the YD Mobilization, and also to increase membership in its own ranks, the YD Club of Springfield (CH) held a Mammoth Booster Day in the Municipal Auditorium, Springfield, Mass., on Sunday afternoon, October 22.

"Over five hundred YD men with their families and friends attended, and the entire atmosphere was one of enthusiastic approval of the project to revive the marching, wartime spirit of the Yankee Division throughout New England.

"The Chairman of the Booster Day Committee, LEO P. T. JACQUES, presented EDWARD MALEY, President of the Springfield Chapter, who introduced in turn, Mrs. Jeanie Lowe, President of the Springfield Auxiliary, and Mrs. Adele Hendrickson, President of the Boston YD Auxiliary. He then presented Gen. EDMUND J. SLATE, National Vice President, Y.D.V.A., and Commanding Officer of the YD Mobilization throughout Central and Western Massachusetts, who acted as Master of Ceremonies throughout the program.

"Following several beautifully rendered selections by a mixed quartet, and patriotic selections on the great organ, Gen. SLATE spoke briefly of the purpose of the meeting—to encourage the growth of the YD Club of Springfield and the YD Veterans Association. He then called upon Col. WILLIAM J. BLAKE, National President, and C.O. of the entire Mobilization.

"Col. BLAKE spoke briefly of the loyalty to YD memory upon which the officers in charge depended to make the Mobilization a success, but stated that he had been scheduled to speak upon Veterans Administration affairs. He explained in great clarity of detail just how recent legislation affects the relation of ex-service men to the government regarding claims, insurance, and hospitalization, urging any who had not done so, to file claims at this time, provided they had evidence of service-origin of their disability. This explanation was listened to with the greatest of interest by those present. Between the addresses of the several speakers, other selections were rendered by the quartet, and by a girl vocal soloist, who sang beautifully.

"The National Secretary, PHILIP SANBORN, defined the 'Spirit of the YD,' called the attention to its past greatness and its present possibilities, not only as an organization to glorify the past, but also to stand for the best in our New England social and governmental life to-day. He told in detail of the machinery of the Mobilization, and stated that success was as much to be striven for for the local chapter as for the National organization.

"Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, Chaplain of the Springfield Chapter, gave a rousing address, stating he could not see how any man who had the privilege of carrying on the tradition of the Yankee Division would even need to be urged or have it suggested to him.

"As a grand finale, the motion picture reels of the 26th Division in action were shown, to the delight and applause of the hundreds present.

"In the evening, a banquet was held, at the Highland Hotel, to wind up a great day.

"Under Regional Captain ED MALEY, eight membership squads, each under the command of a Lieutenant, are canvassing the Springfield area for the quota of 100 members which has been assigned to that city. Already they report about 60, and feel confident that the 100 will be reached twice over."

YD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CH)

Col. MONTEITH is leaving shortly to attend the American Legion National Convention at Chicago and is going from there to New York and Boston, so he will be in to see you.

A new YD boy in our midst is ALPHONSE PALUMBO (B Co., 101st Ammunition Train), just arrived from Haverhill, Mass. He lost no time in locating our meeting place and enjoyed a wonderful reunion with Capt. JOHN HARDY and FREDDIE KULDA, whom he hadn't seen since the war, besides a lot of boys from his home town.

We have started a ninety day membership drive to bring into the fold all that can beg, borrow or steal the two bucks and we hope to at least double our present enrollment. We have a wonderful spirit in our Club and I know the boys are going to respond.

On Sunday, September 10th, we enjoyed our 3rd Annual Picnic in Vermont Canyon Park. The list of those present is too long to give here, 183 being registered. FRANK MEREDITH brought along his movie camera and took close-up shots of all the YD boys, getting 57 fine pictures for our historical records. All were action photos, taken while the subject was announcing his name and outfit or engaged in repartee with the bunch of scoffers who stood around making Bronx cheers and other disturbing noises.

At noon we ate, and what a feast it was. Then everybody went over to the baseball field to witness the battle of a couple of centuries, the much talked about game between the 102nd and 104th regiments.

Our meeting on September 20th was very interesting. FRANK MEREDITH brought the seven reels of pictures he had taken on his trip to Boston, via the Panama Canal, and of the YD Convention at Concord. We invited the ladies and they enjoyed the evening very much. FRANK also showed the pictures taken at the picnic and as each one came on the screen the audience applauded or booed vigorously.

Before the films were shown the gathering was entertained with vocal solos by Madam Bonita, assisted by KY ETTERLY. This act was by the courtesy of DAN MCCARTHY.

Following the meeting, cake and coffee were served.

That about covers our activities for the month. Now that President Fox is back we are all set to go places, so keep your eye on the YD Club of Southern California. —G. K. M.

HAWAIIAN SECTOR

Capt. JOHN E. LANGLEY (101st Engrs.) debarked from the transport "Republic" on September 26, to report for duty at Schofield Barracks, T. H., one more YD in the most far-flung outpost of our battle line.

For some reason it seems as if outfit news had run into days of famine, or sump'n. Where are all you old-timers who used to come to bat with all the neighborhood scandals—Pete So-and-So's new eight-pound son; Joe Somebody's new job selling sealing wax?

The very life-blood of a paper like YANKEE DOINGS is NAMES. Names that *some* reader will recall when he reads them. And that is the very part of the news that the fella sitting at the editorial desk can't dig up or invent for himself. The fellow who hears the news or meets some friend is the one to send it in. Pul-lease get back on the job for us, and let's have an "Outfit" department that amounts to something.

BOSTON UNIT

A meeting of the Boston Chapter of the 104th Veterans Association was held on Monday evening, Oct. 16, at the YD Club, for the purpose of electing officers and reorganizing the Chapter.

The following officers were elected: Comm., WALLACE C. DAY (M.G. Co.); V. C., AUSTIN APPLEBY (I Co.); V. C., JAMES CORBIN (Hdq. Co.); Adj., GUY WATTS (C Co.); Executive Committeemen, MALCOLM MORRISON (Hdq. Co.), EMIL FISHER (E Co.).

It was decided to hold monthly meetings at the YD Club, the next meeting to be held on Nov. 15.

—H. G. W.

HQ. 51st F. A. BRIGADE

A Reunion was held Sunday, October 29, 1933, at YD Club of Boston, followed by lunch at Childs' "Old France" Restaurant, nearby, at 1.30. After lunch a meeting and get-together were held at the Club.

This issue goes to press too early to tell who was there and what was done.

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BATTERY A

I'll give you some news of one of your old Battery A subscribers:

JOHN GRAHAM CLEARY announced his marriage to Mrs. Edith Long Sawtelle on Sunday, July 2nd, at Plymouth, Mass. This will be of interest to Battery A, as he was supposed to be a confirmed bachelor, and a desirable prospect in all respects. Give him a damn good hand, and you may know him also.

RICHARD BARLOW recently died, and you can get further particulars from around Boston. A few years ago he was connected with W. & J. Sloane Co., N.Y.C., as interior decorator I think; was divorced and had a son in Peekskill Military Academy.

—A. H. PLYMPTON

ENGINEER ENTRIES

BUZZINGS OF B

What has become of the "Buzzings of B" in the Engrs. Dept.? Somebody around the Club knows something about some of the old "B" gang. It seems funny that the company that had more mail coming home in '17-'18 than any other outfit over there sure couldn't keep a few entries in our paper. Stir them up: I will do my part.

Brockton, Mass.

—WM. L. HALLETT

ECHOES OF E

On the same day just a short time ago, we ran into FRANK COTTON who has left the piano business flat and is now with the New England Tel. & Tel. Co., and a couple of minutes later bumped into FRANK WHITE who, we learned, has been in New York for some years. Both were looking good and much the same as they did in the war days except that FRANK WHITE was a bit plumper, as are most of us.

ARTHUR PAQUET sent in an S.O.S. a week or so ago for help in connection with his Veterans' Bureau claim. The War Department didn't know that he'd been wounded, but with the aid of our good old Company history, we were able to send him a telegram which helped and FRED CAMPBELL shot a letter through with more details which seemed to be helpful.

BILL CHISHOLM is trying to line up all YD men in Louisiana and environs for the Y.D.V.A. He's apparently quite active in Legion affairs down there. HENRY LEBLANC has also had a little difficulty in getting his government claim recognized and we've tried to do a boy scout job on that. He's living in North Uxbridge, Mass.

OKIE and EDDIE MINTON, for two, at least, were out at the Legion Convention in Chicago, carrying the banner for "E" Co. CARL NORLING is another traveler. He's over in Sweden now, to be gone for several weeks. He sent us a card from the ship and was having a "bon" time.

We're sorry we misquoted DON HANSON in regard to his disability. It was his back he hurt at Soissons, not a cut from a knife when he fell. That's quite a difference and it was someone else who got the cut, not DON. If any of you remember about DON's injury when he got thrown off a truck at the time we were on our way to Sorny, DON is at Hollis Center, Maine, if anyone can help out with information. Sorry, DON!

GEORGE NEWMAN (A Co., 101st Eng.) and FRANK MURDOCK (D Co., 101st Eng.) are up with Chas. J. Yumont, Inc., 692 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, Mass., engaged in the household appliance business, specializing on FRIGIDAIRES. Louis Yennaco, another Engineer, is also with them. If any of you boys are considering the purchase of a Frigidaire, why don't you get in touch with GEORGE or FRANK and they'll give you a square deal.

Captain LANGLEY has done yeoman service in following up the citations made during the war which have been slumbering in Washington. Too bad to have him ordered to Hawaii just as he was gradually working his way toward Boston!

—R. M. E.

FANCIES OF F

Every man of old F Company will be sorry to learn that STANLEY CLIFFORD is in pretty tough shape. The news came to us from his brother-in-law, another "F" man, BILL CURLEY, now of New York City. The reporter of this column would be glad to have any member of the Company who reads this write in c/o the YD Club; it is possible that all of us together may be of some very material help to him.

Had a visit at the Club the other day from OLIN CHESTER, who has been employed during the past summer at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead. Was on his way back to winter quarters in Providence. Chester tells us he has compiled a biography of Gen. EDWARDS which he hopes to have published at some future date.

ELMER CASEY, we understand, was "among those present" at the big Legion shindig in Chicago. Don't know whether he was THE Elmer they were all looking for or not. Mebbe, mebbe.

Your correspondent seldom has anything to report concerning himself, but news is news, and it doesn't matter who it's about. So here goes. PHIL SANBORN is serving on one of the Special Review Boards, appointed to review the Veterans Administration cases which came under what was known as the presumptive clause of the World War Veterans Act.

Follows a letter from GEORGE KILMAIN, who is still with the Walker & Pratt people (heaters and ranges), and still lives in Braintree:

"I saw your plea for news of F Company in YANKEE DOINGS of September, so here goes.

"DICK JOHNSON is now teaching in the Braintree high school. Believe it or not. EARL CURTIS is still in the wilds of So. Braintree.

"A short while ago I took a trip up through Conway and Fryeburg and met quite a few of the fellows. The first was JOHN POTTER, who has just built a nice house for himself just outside of Conway. At Fryeburg, I called at the post office

and had quite a talk with LYMAN ELA, who is the postal clerk at that station.

"I then visited Brownfield where I called on RALPH EATON who was hauling hay with a yoke of oxen. Then I swung up through No. Fryeburg and met PIRIE and LEON SHIRLEY. PIRIE is not feeling so well and has been out of work for a long while. Leon has a very nice farm and apparently is doing pretty well.

"A trip to Fryeburg would not be complete without finding HARRY HUTCHINS. I searched all one morning for him and finally found him driving his new Ford truck. His was working at that time for the town.

"I see JIMMY KEEGAN every once in a while. He is married and has four boys. He is living in Wollaston. He is still 'doing the Government' as a carpenter in the post office department. JOE KINNEHAN is with the J. K. Armsby Company, who are distributors of Del Monte foods.

"P.S.—You looked natural on the cover of September YANKEE DOINGS."

101ST TRAIN HQ. AND MILITARY POLICE

The members of this outfit were well represented in the parade, at the annual reunion of the 101st Infantry, held at Framingham, Mass., Saturday, Sept. 9. Led by the James Mansfield Post Band of The American Legion of Concord, Mass., the boys strutted along from the start of the parade to the Old Muster Field, where they passed in review, just as snappy as they did many times before, on that old field. Lieut. "CHIP" CHEEVER of Lynnfield led the Platoon, and kept the boys out of mischief (or tried to) during the parade. "How about the Canteens, Boys?"

A vote of thanks is due to the Mansfield Post Band; they did a wonderful job, and are certainly a very snappy looking outfit. Hope they can make our own reunion.

The 14th Annual Reunion of this organization will be held at Liberty Hall in The Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Saturday evening, November 4, 1933. As this will be the first reunion held by this outfit in the city of Lowell, you can rest assured that there will be something unusual in store for us.

For any of you chaps that want to get up to Lowell early Saturday, and get a bit of a "head start," a suite of rooms has been reserved in one of the local hotels, as temporary headquarters.

You will be notified in due time through the mail, and by the way: Please give the committee a bit of a break by returning your card promptly. Get in touch with any of the boys in your territory and stir them up. Any man that does not receive a notice before the 25th of October can make reservations by dropping a line to either "JOE" DEE, Concord Armory, Concord, Mass., or to the undersigned.

TIME—7 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 1933.
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—W. F. M.

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